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Wireless Telecommunications Bureau Reminds Licenses of Mandatory Electronic Filing Via the Universal Licensing System (ULS) Beginning July 1, 1999 *Electronic Filing required for Cellular, Paging, Offshore, and Auctioned Licenses*

In the *ULS Report and Order* in WT Docket No. 98-20, the Commission revised its rules to require electronic filing via ULS of all license applications (excluding emergency requests) for services that are subject to licensing by auction.¹ In this connection, the following categories of licensees are excluded from the requirement to file applications electronically: (1) the Part 90 Private Land Mobile Radio services for shared spectrum, spectrum in the public safety pool below 746 MHz, and spectrum in the public safety pool above 746 MHz, except those filed by Commission-certified frequency coordinators; (2) the Part 97 Amateur Radio Service, except those filed by Volunteer Examination Coordinators; (3) The Part 95 General Mobile Radio Service and Personal Radio Service (excluding 218-219 MHz service); (4) the Part 80 Maritime Services (excluding VHF 156-162 MHz Public Coast Stations); (5) the Part 87 Aviation Services; (6) the Part 13 Commercial Radio Operators; and (7) the Part 101 Microwave licensees who are also members of any of the groups listed in (1)-(6) above. This rule is to take effect for licensees on July 1, 1999, or six months after the Commission begins use of ULS to process applications in the particular service, whichever is later.

By this Public Notice, we indicate which services available in ULS today are subject to the mandatory electronic filing requirements as set forth in the *ULS Report and Order*, and indicate the deadline for mandatory electronic filing where applicable.

<u>RADIO SERVICE</u>	<u>ULS AVAILABLE</u>	<u>ELECTRONIC FILING REQUIRED AS OF</u>
Paging and Radiotelephone Service	June 1998	July 1, 1999
Offshore Radiotelephone Service	August 1998	July 1, 1999
Auctioned LMDS	September 1998	July 1, 1999
PCS and WCS	September 1998	July 1, 1999
Auctioned 800 MHz SMR	September 1998	July 1, 1999
Auctioned 220 MHz Service	November 1998	July 1, 1999
Auctioned VHF Public Coast	December 1998	July 1, 1999
Cellular Radiotelephone Service	December 1998	July 1, 1999
Auctioned LMS	December 1998	July 1, 1999
Aircraft Radio Service	January 1999	Not required
GMRS	April 1999	Not required
Auctioned 900 MHz SMR	April 1999	October 14, 1999

In implementing this rule, the Bureau will (excluding emergency requests) dismiss without prejudice all manually-filed applications **received on or after** the mandatory filing deadlines above.

In order to file applications electronically via ULS, each licensee must: (1) register its Taxpayer Identification

¹ Amendment of Parts 0, 1, 13, 22, 24, 26, 27, 80, 87, 90, 95, 97, and 101 of the Commission's Rules to Facilitate the Development and Use of the Universal Licensing System in the Wireless Telecommunications Service, WT Docket No. 98-20, *Report and Order*, 13 FCC Rcd. 21027 (1998) (*ULS Report and Order*).

Number (TIN) via the internet or manually using FCC Form 606; (2) associate each of its call signs with its TIN via the internet or manually using FCC Form 606; and, (3) ensure that it has access to the necessary hardware and software to establish a toll-free dial-up connection to the ULS. Detailed information on TIN registration, associating call signs with TINs, minimum hardware and software requirements, as well as connecting to ULS is available via the internet at <http://www.fcc.gov/wtb/uls>.

Regarding the services listed above that must file electronically beginning July 1, 1999, approximately 85% of the call signs in these services have been associated with registered TINs. The remaining 15% (over 1,800 call signs), however, have yet to be associated with registered TINs. Until these call signs are associated with registered TINs, no applications may be filed via ULS affecting these call signs. In order to focus licensees' attention on this issue, we have included lists of unregistered call signs (and corresponding licensee names) as attachments to this Public Notice.

For Further Information or Assistance

For general information about ULS, including answers to frequently asked questions regarding submitting applications, finding the status of pending applications, and searching the ULS database, the Commission recommends first consulting the ULS webpage at <http://www.fcc.gov/wtb/uls>. Those having specific questions not addressed on the webpage may contact Commission staff via phone or e-mail as described below.

FCC Technical Support Hotline: (202) 414-1250, or via e-mail at ulscomm@fcc.gov. Contact the Technical Support Hotline about questions concerning computer access to ULS, TIN registration, uploading files, or submitting attachments in ULS. The hotline is available Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Eastern Time. In order to provide better service to ULS users and ensure the security of the electronic filing system, all calls to the hotline are recorded.

ULS Licensing Support and Forms Information: 1-888-CALL-FCC (225-5322), choose option #2. E-mail questions may be sent to ulshelp@fcc.gov. Contact Licensing Support with questions about which application purpose(s) are appropriate for a particular filing, what information is being requested on a ULS form or schedule, or any other ULS-related licensing matter. ULS Licensing Support is available Monday through Friday, from 8:00 am to 5:30 pm EST.